

Amendment and Response

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REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed December 4, 2003, in which claims 1-16, 19, and 22 were rejected, claims 17, 18, 20, and 21 were objected to, and claims 23-32 were allowed. With this Amendment, claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice, and claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 10-14, 23-27, 29, 30, and 32 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. Claims 1-8 and 10-32, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-16, 19, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Koch U.S. Patent No. 5,262,624.

With this amendment, claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice. The rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), therefore, is rendered moot.

With this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the first scanner is adapted to generate a first side data signal based on the one of the presence and the absence of the first image on the first side of the medium, and the second scanner is adapted to generate a second side data signal based on the one of the presence and the absence of the second image on the second side of the medium, and independent claim 7 has been amended to clarify that the method of scanning a medium includes generating a first side data signal based on the one of the presence and the absence of the first image, and generating a second side data signal based on the one of the presence and the absence of the second image. In addition, independent claim 14 has been amended to clarify that if the image is disposed only on the first side of the medium and the second side of the medium is blank, the first side data signal includes a first image signal and the second side data signal includes a blank signal.

With respect to the Koch patent, this patent does not teach or suggest a system for scanning a medium, as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first scanner is adapted to generate a first side data signal based on the one of the presence and the absence of the first image on the first side of the medium, and the second scanner is adapted to generate a second side data signal based on the one of the presence and the absence of the second image on the second side of the medium, nor a method of scanning a medium, as claimed in claim 7, including generating a first side data signal based on the one of the presence and the absence of the first

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applicant's invention. Applicant, however, submits that claims 23-32 remain patentably distinct from the art of record.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-8 and 10-32 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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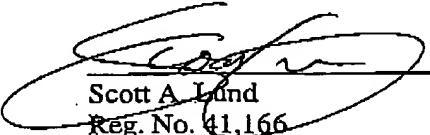
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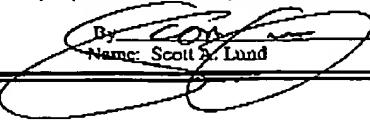
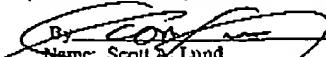
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